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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2019 - SHALOM



Proverbs 3:6 "in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your **paths** straight".

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Pastor's Corner

2019—the Year of Shalom.

Ahh... another year is upon us. 2019. Every year, on New Year's Eve, at Times Square in NYC, tens of thousands people gather to send off the old year and to welcome the

new year wishing for the best—a year of health and prosperity. Such a gathering happens all over the world—both in the East and the West. I used to attend the New Year's Eve service at midnight with fellow believers in Korea praying for the best year ever. May the Lord grant you all of your wishes this year.

In the past six months, I was searching for the Lord's directions for MUMC in 2019. I was looking for the yearly goal for our church. I strongly felt that the Lord was leading me to the theme of restoration. Psalm 68:9 says, "God **restores** our heritage when it languishes." The verb "to restore" got my attention and since then it was stuck in my mind for the rest of the year. About that word of restoration, I turned to God's Word to research further. And, finally, there came a word that I was looking for. It is the word that you will hear me preaching about throughout the year. It is a Hebrew word **Shalom** (often translated as peace, wholeness, prosperity, and completeness).

So, as pastor of this church, I am designating 2019 as the Year of Shalom—the year of restoration from all the things that we have lost. Whether it is the broken relationship with God or with people, whether it is the deterioration of our health, whether it is the financial loss, and so forth. May God lead us into Shalom in all areas of our life (spiritual, emotional, physical, and even financial area).

By the way, don't miss Sunday, January 6, when I am going to distribute the Scripture Scrolls at both services. Come and pick your own verse for the year. All those Scripture verses are chosen carefully and prayerfully. As the Lord has spoken to me, I pray that He will speak to your heart as well through the verse in your scroll that will help you stay focused throughout the year.

See you at church!

Kyewoon Choi, pastor

Prayer Group

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14: 27



MUMC joins the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in Miracles Everywhere Campaign. A special speaker Rev. Jana M. Purkis-Brash (*Executive Director, The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation*) is coming to our church on **Sunday, January 13, at both services**. Don't miss it and be part of Miracles Everywhere! Below is the summary of what Miracles Everywhere is all about.

Tanzania: Building the Church

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey are on mission that reaches across the world! By partnering with United Methodist communities in Tanzania, we're helping forge new disciples of Christ by raising \$500,000 to start an annual pastors school that equips leaders to make disciples and spread God's love. Additionally, funds will provide for the launch of new congregations, support clergy salaries and construct a Hope Center with a health clinic and mission hosting facility. Will you be a part of the miracles? Be a part of the Miracles Everywhere Campaign today.

Puerto Rico: The Miracle of Relief

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey are on a mission to bring relief and rebuilding to the people of Puerto Rico where thousands are hurting and trying to pick up the pieces of their lives in the aftermath of hurricane devastation. Here in New Jersey, we know firsthand what it's like to suffer from the effects of hurricanes and have been grateful for those across the region, country and world who have come to our aid. Now we're stepping up and giving back by raising \$500,000 to send mission teams and equip those on the ground with resources to rebuild. Will you be a part of these miracles transforming and rebuilding lives and communities? It's your turn. Be the miracle. Join the Miracles Everywhere Campaign.

Investing in The Next Generation

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey are looking ahead and investing in its most vital mission – the future. By raising \$3 million, Next Generation Ministries will grow the faith of 1,000 students in camping experiences, 2,000 more young people by strengthening United Methodist youth ministries in Greater New Jersey and 5,000 middle and high school students at the annual IGNITE youth conference. These miracles are happening! Your support is bringing youth to Christ, forging priceless, life-altering experiences, changing lives and building the future leaders of the church. Today, you too can be a miracle in the life of a child, teen, or young adult. Don't miss out on this

precious opportunity to shape the future and join the Miracles Everywhere Campaign. Join The Miracles Everywhere Campaign today.

Miracles on Campus

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey are looking ahead and investing in its most vital mission – the future. Next Generation Ministries is raising funds to grow the faith of 1,000 college students in ten new college campus ministries. New Jersey is home to 380,000 college students who attend 59 colleges and universities. Nearly 235,000 of those students are on a campus within five miles of a United Methodist congregation. Your support is making miracles happen on campuses across the region, changing lives and building the future leaders of the church. Today, you too can bring the miracle of Christ to a college student. Join The Miracles Everywhere Campaign today.

Hope Centers

GNJ is at work spreading hope across the entire region. Through the Miracles Everywhere Campaign, A Future With Hope is building on its success from restoring homes and lives in the wake of Superstorm Sandy and helping communities find hope through the development of 100 Hope Centers that will provide affordable housing, job training and social services for children and youth. \$1,000,000 is being raised to provide a future with hope for communities all across GNJ. Will you be a part of this miracle of hope? Join The Miracles Everywhere Campaign today.



Music Notes by Vel

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! to all who participated and to all who attended our "Rhapsody in Bluegrass". I also want to acknowledge Susan Dingsor who provided the Power Point presentation and whose name was omitted from the program.

Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM. This would be an excellent time for anyone who would like to come and sing with us to join. No previous experience or ability to read music is needed – just a willingness to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

JUNIOR BELLS:



Junior Bells will resume practice at 5:30 on Monday evening, January 21st. Also a good time for anyone who would like to join. However, I would appreciate knowing if a new ringer is joining so that I can plan accordingly. Please see me after church or leave a message in my mailbox in the office or call me at (732)915-0995.

QUILTERS



Are you looking for a fun service project with others? The Quilters are looking for more help on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 2:30 or any combination of time between. If you can make a needle and thread go up and down to make a small running stitch, then you can quilt.

We get our quilts from people in the area who hear that we "hand quilt." They are charged by the size and the amount of patterning done on the quilt. Our money goes to help fund church projects or charities that we all agree are valuable.

Please bring a needle, scissors, and thimble if you use one. Also we eat a bag lunch at noon so bring a mug for hot tea if you desire. Several people come to eat lunch with us and if that is all you can do, please feel free to come.

Hope to see you soon!

The Quilters



Shoprite Cards Sales. Many thanks to our regular Shoprite Card purchasers and a special thanks to those who bought cards to help boost our totals. We sold a whopping \$29,400 in cards which means the church earned \$1470 this year!!

If you have any questions or would like to order cards, please see Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien. We take orders on the first Sunday of each month and have them for you the second Sunday. You get the face value of the card for your use and Shoprite rewards MUMC 5% of card sales. This is a great fund raiser for the church and all we have to do is shop!

Thanks, , Alison



Christmas is a busy time each year in the preschool as we make decorations, presents and mile long lists for Santa but no class is without lessons on

God's great love for us. We dazzled guests in our pageant entitled, "A Night of Great Joy" and even Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Usually we slow things down a bit after the holidays, but this year we will be busy again with a



Spring book fair, a visit from Dr. Bernard and hopefully a book signing event with children's author Deborah Guarino who wrote Is Your Mama a Llama?



We wish all of you a happy and healthy 2019!

Lisa Mower Director



MUMW Events and Activities
January/February 2019

Tuesday, January 15, (new date)

MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00PM

Program: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Leader: Eileen Mahan

Tuesday, January 22, MUMW Ways and Means Committee

Place: Home Eileen Mahan, Ocean Acres

Time: 10:00AM

Tuesday, February 12, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00PM

Program: Embracing Wholeness

Leader: Norma Paul

Sunday, February 10 and 17

Time: 8:30AM and 11:00AM Worship Services

Collection for Camden Neighborhood Center

Coordinator: Joyce Trainor

Speaker 2/10/19: Steve Susich

Friday, March 1st World Day of Prayer Service

Place: Manahawkin UMC

Time: 1PM

Speaker: Pastor Choi

Participants: LBI and Mainland Churches

Rehearsals: Friday, 1/25 and 2/22 at 1:00PM

Submitted by:

Eileen Mahan, President

Manahawkin UMW

Poet's Corner

MY FACE CATCHES THE WIND

My face catches the wind
in the glow of myth and morning.
Bright blue embraces my being
as I stretch up in yearning
toward fulfillment of this quest
for truth among the legends
that invade my searching journey
toward redemption of each morrow.

In the glow of myth I ponder
each beginning and each message
meant to clarify the longing
for a morning to discover
yet another heartfelt answer to
an ancient probing mystery
scratching at the surface of my
consciousness and caring.

Bright blue envelops my being.
I surrender to the wind.

by Norma Paul December 2018



As most of you remember the **Youth Group** had their Apple Bake Sale back in October, we raised over \$600. The kids took that money and purchased jackets, hats, gloves, gift cards and toys for the Stafford Township Police Department. We had an officer stop over to talk to the kids about where the toys they collected will go. It is always a blessing to see the kids light up knowing they are able to bring joy to others this Christmas season.

On December 15th the Youth Group joined in the annual Christmas Caroling with Pastor Choi. We stopped at 5 locations and had 15 volunteers. Everyone has a wonderful time and can't wait for next year's Caroling.

God Bless Randy and Vanessa Estelow

WELCOME

Thoughts to live by
by Kenneth Schorr

Walking into a local church you are handed a bulletin and given a "Good Morning" by the greeter. That was the last time anyone speaks to you before the service. After service you go to the coffee hour sitting at a table where you could be seen. It would be almost ten minutes before someone would sit down with you. You ask this person, "Can you tell me something about your church?" "What kind of outreach do you have; do you feed the poor, house the homeless, help the addicted, have a ministry for returning prisoners?" The person replies, "We don't have those kind of problems here." You think dear God another church like Laodicea (Rev.3:14-22)! You get up and leave, never to return. How can you justify or defend ignoring Mt.25 :36-41? You cannot!

Sadly the above actually happened and appears to be still happening at all too many area churches. In their comfort zone with little or no major outreach, yet they wonder why people are not coming? The excuses are many. How much longer before the doors slam shut, never to re-open? Instead of being alive and vibrant in Jesus Christ, they are on their deathbed. Blind to their own sin. Have they forgotten their God given mandate to provide hope, vision and leadership? Called to a ministry of healing and reconciliation? Why the fear?

This church has moved forward with ministries like Loads of Love and 5L2F and that's a great start; but what about outreach to those with addictions, those who are divorced facing singleness, families who have someone incarcerated, those returning from incarceration, just to name a few? Would they be welcome; would they be able to grow in their Christian life and service or would traditions and legalism not allow it? How would you feel if you were not welcome? Outreach and faith go hand in hand. It shows not only who we are but also whom we follow. It shows our character and integrity! Being a church means we are to minister not only to those within the church, but also to those outside in the community no matter who they are or what they have done! To put it another way, the church is to serve not be served! Don't you agree? Before you answer, what are you willing to do? When? Let's make this New Year one to remember perhaps by starting new ministries like those mentioned above! Do you have others? Could this be the year to have a revival?

Family Promise and Chefs on Call



"Chefs on Call" is a new branch of our Family Promise Mission. As you know many churches in our area serve as Host locations for Family Promise families. Sometimes these churches need help. We've decided to lend a hand to support our local church neighborhood friends.

MUMC is going to be **"on stand-by" or "on call"** to provide meals for the homeless families being cared for by Family Promise. We are calling this mission work **"Chefs on Call"**.

MUMC's "Chefs on Call" were called into action to provide the evening meals for families that were housed at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in Harvey Cedars. It happened the first week in December. We provided the dinner meal for five days for two mothers and their little children. We took the dinner, set it up and cleaned up too. In addition, our Chefs also served as hospitality hosts. Family Promise was very grateful for our church's help. Please think about joining "Chefs on Call". Ask Jackie C., Jo-Eva A., Sue & Jim L., Jennifer & Nathaniel E. or Beth & Bob S. about their experiences as they provided an evening meal and hospitality fellowship for needy families. If you are willing to help, please tell **Kathy** the church secretary your name and she'll share it with the our MUMC "Chefs on Call" coordinator.





REMINDER: KNITTERS/CROCHETERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our knitting group meets on Wednesday, at 3:00PM. We make knit and crocheted items for "Knit for Kids" which is now under the auspices of World Vision. You are welcome to make whatever items you are most comfortable making. We have made newborn baby caps, blankets and sweaters. They can be knit or crocheted, whichever you enjoy doing. We get together for about an hour from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, and enjoy visiting while we knit. Many of us also work on our items at home, but that again is your option. You are also welcome to make items at home without joining our group and donating them to us for delivery to Knit for Kids. Please consider this ministry. Remember Christ saying: In as much as you have done for one of the least of these my children, you have done it for me." Many babies die for lack of a warm cap or blanket. Many children have never had a new piece of clothing to call their own. To date we have sent over 200 sweaters to Knit for Kids. Please consider helping us to help them.



Everyone,

A busy start to the evening, ending quietly with a last minute customer needing to use the dryers.

A gentleman came in at the end needing to use the dryers. His dryer at home broke down. There seemed to be a rush between him and us to get quarters into the machines. He wasn't aware of our mission, but we did succeed with some quarters. The Eismann's and the gentleman know each other. He lives on South Union Street in Manahawkin.

Plenty of help was on hand with Jim & Sue Lacey helping out again. Jim even fixed one of the washers.

We are working on coming up with a Year To Date total on what we spent for the year as well as donations that came in.

Also the dates for 2019 are::

Jan 31st, Feb 28th, Mar 28th, Apr 25th, May 30th, Jun 27th, July 25th, Aug 29th, Sep 26th, Oct 24th, Nov 21st, Dec 19th

Our next LOL will be Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Have a Happy New Year. Don & Janet Estelow

Please keep all the families we serve in your prayers.



Operation Christmas Child

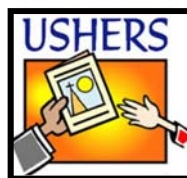
Thank you to all who filled boxes as part of our Operation Christmas Child Mission. We had a total of 76 boxes returned filled for boys and

girls of various ages. Twelve of the boxes were filled by the Sunday School children.

We requested to track our box and it would appear that our boxes had a final destination of the Dominican Republic. Many children of the Dominican Republic had a very Merry Christmas.

Praise God. Thanks to everyone, Don & Janet Estelow

Help Wanted



**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



Readers

Contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or blkbty5@verizon.net if willing to serve

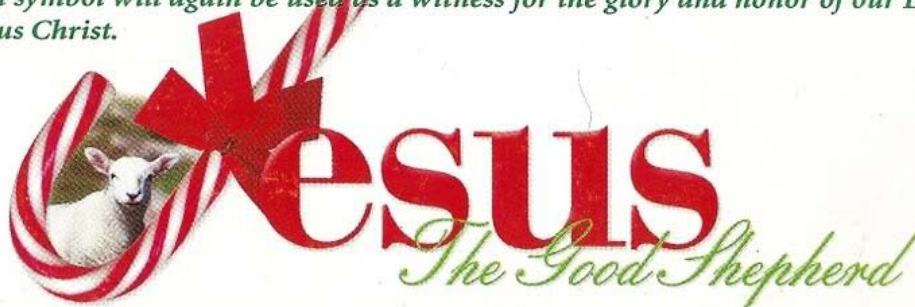


The Sunday School had a very busy Christmas season as they practiced for their pageant "The First Christmas: Jesus is Our Greatest Gift". Thirty two children participated and the show was performed on Dec 23 and was a complete success! The kids did an amazing job and we are so proud of their hard work! After the pageant, a holiday dessert social was held and St. Nicholas stopped by to congratulate the kids on a job well done and to read them the Candy Cane Story and present them with some gifts, as well as remind them of the TRUE meaning of Christmas. Below are a few pictures from that special day! /For any questions, please contact sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com/ God Bless Marissa Barry



The Candy Cane Story

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. The white symbolizes the Virgin Birth (Is. 7:14; Luke 1:26-35) and the sinless nature of Jesus (1 John 3:5). The hardness of the candy symbolizes the Solid Rock (1Cor.10:4), the foundation of the Church (Mt. 16:18), and the firmness of the promises of God (Ps. 18:30-32). The candy maker made the candy into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior (1 John 3:16-17), and a symbol to represent the staff of the Good Shepherd (John 10:14). Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker decided to stain it with red stripes, representing the stripes of the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion (Mark 15:15-20) for our healing (Is. 53:5). The large red stripe represents the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation (Rom. 5:9; Eph. 1:7). Unfortunately, the Candy Cane has lost its traditional meaning and become just a decoration seen only at Christmas time. But we at Scripture Candy, Inc., pray that this traditional symbol will again be used as a witness for the glory and honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Consecration of the Church Roof & Handicap Bathrooms

On Sunday, December 23, 2018 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Manahawkin United Methodist Church to consecrate the new Church and Fellowship Hall roofs and handicap bathrooms.

The ceremony was conducted between the two Sunday services by Pastor Kyewoon Choi and was witnessed by several members of the Trustees and church parishioners. The ceremony included the singing of the first verse of Hymn 545, *The Church's One Foundation*, followed by a prayer of Dedication of Purpose.

The Dedication of Purpose was then followed by the Trustee Chair, Mr. Rich Mueller, who formally presented the roof and bathrooms to be consecrated for the worship of God and the service of all people.

A three-part prayer to dedicate the consecration of the roof and bathrooms followed with the Pastor, Trustees, and church parishioners all partaking in their respective parts.

Pastor Choi closed the ceremony with a benediction and all recited the Lord's Prayer.

The Trustees then performed the formal ribbon cutting ceremony of the bathrooms.

In addition: The Trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to Bob Molinaro and Bill Welsh for their tireless efforts in ensuring the new bathrooms were completed in accordance with the terms of the contract and conducting several meetings with the contractor's foreman to discuss time and material issues along with several schedule delays.

Most noteworthy was Bill Welsh's efforts in conducting several intensive reviews of the contract language to ensure that all submitted invoices contained completed work costs that reflected the initial contract price agreed to by the Trustees. In addition, he conducted in- depth correspondence with the contractor to resolve several cost expenditure and time and material issues.

As a result of these actions taken by Bob and Bill the new bathrooms were completed within the original budget limitations of the signed contract between Mr. Hembling and the Manahawkin United Methodist Church.

Thanks to both of you for overseeing and protecting the financial investment of these new bathrooms.

Submitted by Roy George



**BLOOD DRIVE****In Memory of Emily Eismann****In Fellowship Hall****Tuesday, January 8, 2019****1:00pm to 6:00pm****See Marian Assur at church for an appointment****or****call her at****609-204-2370 (Leave a message, I'll call you back ASAP)****or****Call the American Red Cross at****1-800-REDCROSS****(1-800-733-2767)****or****make your own appointment on the web site****RedCrossBlood.org****Who can Donate Blood –****It is important that you feel good when you donate blood.****Healthy people who are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more are usually eligible to donate blood.****Federal regulations require that donors wait 56 days between regular whole blood donations.****Please remember to bring proper identification to the blood drive.****Consider being a Power Red Donor****(formerly Double Red Cell Donor) if you are type O or B. To be eligible you must be:****Male – at least 130 pounds and 5'1" tall****Female – at least 150 pounds and 5'5" tall****Anyone interested in being a **Power Red Donor** Call or See Marian Assur for an appointment****Also on the day of the drive there will be the need for support help:****Registration, canteen, set up and clean up.****If you have a little computer knowledge and want to help schedule appointments****Please call or see Marian Assur****Remember: The need is constant.****The gratification is instant.****GIVE BLOOD**



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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7 PM	3 Prayer Gp 11 AM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	4	5
6 Communion Installation of New Officers Both Services	7 Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Youth Group 6:30 PM	8 Blood Drive Emily Eismann 1- 6 PM Preschool Comm. 7 PM	9 Quilters 9:30AM UMW Mtg 1PM Choir Practice 7PM.	10 Prayer Gp 11 AM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8:15 A.M. (@Mainland)
13 MIRACLES EVERYWHERE; Shoprite Cards Both Services	14 Youth Group 6:30 PM Worship Comm 7 PM	15	16 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7 PM	17 Prayer Gp 11 AM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	18	19
20	21 Youth Group 6:30 PM	22 Trustees Meeting 7 PM	23 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7 PM	24 Prayer Gp 11 AM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	25	26
27	28 Youth Group 6:30 PM Church Council 7 PM	29	30 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7 PM	31 Prayer Gp 11 AM Loads of Love 6-8 PM Bell Choir 7 PM		

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Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00AM to 12:00Noon/Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00PM

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Additions or corrections to the Crossword:

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Trustees Meeting: TBA

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Note: Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 PM

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